



WILLIS RAY, one of the key leaders in the Pioneer Movement, stands on the porch of his retirement home in Payson, Ariz. Ray came from Texas to serve as executive secretary of both the Arizona and Colorado conventions and gave direction to Southern Baptists' expansion westward. (HMB Photo by Toby Drulin)

Children's Village Objects To Jackson Annexation

The Baptist Children's Village, child care institution of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, has entered in Chancery Court in Jackson an objection to the efforts of the city to annex within its corporate limits the property of the Children's Village.

In entering the suit as an "objector" the Village has presented testimony seeking to have the Vil-

lage property excluded from any area which may be taken into the city, according to a statement by Robert W. King of Jackson, attorney for the Village.

Three groups are entering objections to the annexation, King said, but the Village is not related to the others in its efforts.

This is the third occasion on which the Village has entered an objection to annexation. On the other two occasions briefs were filed but the matter was dismissed before it came to a court hearing. The present proceedings mark the first time the matter has come to testimony.

The city is proposing to annex the 140-acre Hinds County campus of the Children's Village along with other property.

The Village is objecting because of the problems it sees in the lives of the children in case the area is annexed, King said. The campus was purchased in 1962 after an exhaustive survey because it was outside traffic patterns and congestion and because it was close to the Clinton schools, according to King. Now after 11½ years the Village children are accepted as they are in the Clinton schools. They feel secure there and have opportunity for activities and honors they never had in the much larger Jackson system before the campus was moved from a Jackson location, it was indicated. It is feared that if the area is annexed into the City of Jackson the children would be

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Brogan scholarship aid to Negro students choosing Christian vocations, kindergartens for

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Retreat For Young Ministers' Wives Held At Garaywa

By Barbara Taylor

Did you know that eggs should be stored in the refrigerator in the cartons in which they come from the store? Why? Because egg shells are porous and will absorb odors if not kept covered. . . because it is better for the egg yolks to remain in the same position. . . because . . . That was just one of the interesting bits of information discussed at the Retreat for Young Ministers' Wives at Garaywa, Jan. 24-25.

Mrs. John Rushing, Extension Marketing Specialist, gave many tips on the purchase, storage, and preparation of foods. Some of us were searching to find at least one thing we were doing correctly! All of us will be better cooks and food buyers after talking with Ann Rushing.

The Fourth Annual Retreat for Young Ministers' Wives, sponsored by Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union and directed by Miss Marjean Patterson, Mississippi WMU executive secretary, was, as usual a fun weekend, an inspirational weekend. The time began with a renewal of friendships, with hugs and "I'm so glad to see you!"

And in order to create new friendships, there was a fellowship and get acquainted time. So many times one discovered that the person she didn't know was really someone she hadn't seen in "years" and just didn't recognize! Then the catching up on news and families continued into the night long after the program had ended.

Mrs. Bryant Hicks of Louisville, (Continued On Page 3)

SBC "Pioneers": The Move West

By Everett Hullum Jr. and Kim Watson for Baptist Press

Much of what the Southern Baptist Convention is today is the result of what is generally known as the "Pioneer Movement" — the missions thrust, beginning in the early 1940's, into the states outside the old South.

The move westward represents a dynamic episode in the SBC's journey to 12.3 million members in 33 state conventions covering 50 states.

With the SBC feeling its own "manifest destiny," voices called for continued expansion from the 19 state conventions which developed between 1845, when the SBC was founded, and 1928, when the Arizona Southern Baptist Con-

vention began and the SBC counted some 3.7 million members.

"Southern Baptists are convinced that a northward migration will be lost to the Baptist cause if they are left to themselves," explained an authority at the time. This deep conviction, under God, for an adequate evangelizing of America is a potent motivating force among them.

Little more than Wink

Yet the Pioneer Movement in 1942 was little more than a wink of the Convention mind. Then, the SBC was a parochial, isolationist denomination, loosely structured, theologically and ecclesiastically insecure, and largely ignorant of all religious conditions nationwide. Until 1942.

In that year, with the Conven-

tion's acceptance of California as a state convention, what would become the most rapid religious expansion in U.S. church history lurched into gear.

Two events gave it immediate emphasis:

First, a \$2.5 million debt that had saddled the SBC's Home Mission Board for two decades was paid off in 1943, freeing funds for new work.

Second, in 1944, a new executive secretary came to direct the 25-church, 14-year-old Arizona Southern Baptist Convention. At that point the movement began advancing on dual axes — California and Arizona — and its story became intertwined with the story of a lean, clear-eyed, weathered Texan — Willis J. Ray.

Willis J. Ray came to Arizona in 1944, after working in evangelism for the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

When Ray arrived, the temperature in Phoenix was 117 degrees and he wondered if he "was in the wrong place." But his first preaching experience in his new state reassured him. At West Van Buren Church in Phoenix, Ray preached to 13 people and 12 of them joined the church. One became its lay preacher.

Initiated Trust Fund

Because the convention was struggling, Ray initiated a trust fund — challenging the convention to set aside \$25,000 to "tie up church property" and serve as seed money for growth.

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To Religious Broadcasters

President Ford: 'Don't Separate Public Morality From Public Policy'

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — President Ford, while affirming that the separation of church and state is a "fundamental principle" to which he "fully subscribes," told a gathering of religious broadcasters here that it "was never intended in my view to separate public morality from public policy."

Addressing for the seventh consecutive year the National Religious Broadcasters' 32nd annual Congressional Breakfast, he said this principle asserts that the "power of government shall not

be used to support or suppress any one faith, but in the same sentence it protects the profession and propagation of all faiths."

The First Amendment to the Constitution prohibiting state establishment of religion and assuring the freedom of speech, press, peaceful assembly, and petitioning the government "says an awful lot in one sentence."

Precious Rights

It "sustains some of our most precious rights," he said, and also "underscores how inter-related they are."

"Freedom to exercise one's religion would be meaningless without freedom of speech and assembly; without freedom of the press there could be neither religious books nor religious broadcasters," said the Chief Executive, who was introduced to the 1,400 radio and television owners and program producers and broadcasters and several members of Congress, ambassadors and government officials by evangelist Billy Zeoli of Muskegon, Mich., who said he has known Mr. Ford for 15 years.

Reviewing briefly the historical

background of the First Amendment, the President said that while the nation's Founding Fathers "never dreamed of radio or television, the personal freedoms they protected make your work possible. The electronic era of communications which is only beginning, as the age of books was only beginning when Gutenberg printed his Bible, holds unlimited opportunities for those who today tell and re-tell the good news of God's love for man."

President Ford said he had in mind "dedicated groups" such as religious broadcasters when in his first speech as President to Congress, he said, "On the higher plane of public morality, there is no need for me to preach. . . We have thousands of far better preachers and millions of Sacred Scriptures to guide us on the path of personal right-living and exemplary official conduct."

Prevent Crime

"If we can make effective and earlier use of the moral and ethical wisdom of the centuries in today's complex society, we will prevent more crime and more corruption than all the policemen and prosecutors of the government can ever deter," he said to the applause of his audience.

The first Chief Executive to address the group (Continued On Page 2)

President Tells Of Appreciation For Prayer

by Stan Hastey

WASHINGTON (BP)—President Gerald R. Ford said here that while the presidency is a lonely job, he has received encouragement from millions of citizens' assurances that they are praying for him.

Addressing the 23rd Annual National Prayer Breakfast, Ford related that on a number of occasions as he has traveled, he has heard called out the words, "We are praying for you," or, "You are in our prayers," as he mingles among crowds. He described as comforting "the satisfaction of knowing infinite numbers of people are praying for you."

The annual breakfast, which was sponsored jointly by the weekly prayer breakfast groups of the U. S. Senate and House of Representatives, was attended by some 3,000 government officials from all levels of American government, foreign diplomats, and other representatives from over 100 foreign countries.

In addition to Ford's remarks, the gathering also heard evangelist Billy Graham, U. S. Rep. Albert H. Quie (R., Minn.), who was the featured speaker, U. S. Sen. Sam Nunn (D., Ga.), and U. S. Rep. Richardson Preyer (D., N.C.). Special music for the occasion

was provided by the Samford University Choir under the direction of L. Gene Black, professor of music at the Southern Baptist institution located in Birmingham, Alabama.

Graham told the audience that America has faced three main crises in its history, the Revolutionary War, the Constitutional Convention, and the Civil War. In (Continued On Page 3)

... Can't Believe We Sang The Whole Thing

NASHVILLE — Long winded singers may well out-do traditionally verbose preachers as they sing completely through the new Baptist Hymnal—non-stop.

During the upcoming "Praise Sing 75" here, March 10-13, 1975, 60 singing groups will pool their efforts to sing 30 continuous hours.

At the end of this monumental "Sing the Hymnal Through" effort, the new "Baptist Hymnal" will have been sung through in its entirety; not a word or a verse of the 512 songs or any of the responsive readings omitted.

Most of the singing will be done in the Van Ness Auditorium at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, but the final few songs will be performed in Nashville's Municipal Auditorium on the last night of "Praise Sing 75."

South Named Executive Director For Missouri

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (BP)—Rheubin L. South, pastor of Park Hill Baptist Church, North Little Rock, Ark., since 1962, has been elected executive director of the Missouri Baptist Convention, effective Feb. 17.



South, 53, succeeds the late Earl O. Harding, who died in late 1973, and Thomas W. Nelson, director of the Missouri Baptist Foundation, who has held the top Missouri Convention post on an interim basis.

Olan Runnels of Kansas City, chairman of the convention board's search committee, said, "We feel that the leadership of Dr. South will be a major factor in the bright future we see for Baptist work in Missouri."

The Missouri Baptist Convention, affiliated with the 12.3-million member Southern Baptist Convention, is emerging from a (Continued On Page 2)

Sophia Sutton Assembly's Founder's Day Is Feb. 18

The 21st Sophia Sutton Founder's Day will be Feb. 18 at Sophia Sutton Mission Assembly near Prentiss, according to Dr. Sidney L. Richmond, director.

The program will begin at 10 a. m. for the morning session, and an afternoon session will begin at 1:30 p. m.

The guest speaker will be Rev. E. Edward Jones of Shreveport, La., who will represent the National Baptist Convention of America. Rev. Ed Wheeler, associate director, Department of Co-

operative Ministries with National Baptists of the Home Mission Board, will appear along with other Southern Baptist denominational leaders.

Dr. Dick Brogan, director of the Mississippi Baptist Department of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists, will speak on New Directions.

Rev. W. M. James and Rev. R. O. Tyler will be in charge of the music.

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Fords Hear Graham At Prayer Breakfast

WASHINGTON, D. C. — President and Mrs. Ford listen to evangelist Billy Graham give a brief "Call to Fellowship" at the opening of the annual National Prayer Breakfast in Washington. Mr. Graham said that this period in the nation's history is the

"fourth great crisis" on which survival as a nation is at stake, the other times being the Revolutionary War, the Constitutional Convention, and the Civil War. Repentance of sins and turning to God is what will save this nation, Mr. Graham said.

The Cooperative Program Is The Heart Of Missions

By James Richardson, Pastor
First Church, Leland, and
President, Mississippi Baptist Convention

When a man starts to talk about the heart, the response is geared to the experience or the positioning of the hearer.

A boy thinks about a girl.

A doctor thinks about a working mechanism.



Many of us think about something that is basic, or central and something that is absolutely necessary for life and proper function, or

Our minds may tune in on the idea of the "deep meaning" or the "heart of the matter."

In the human body the heart is an intricate mechanism which pumps the blood, the "life giver," to every single part or area of the body. This involves many delicate and amazing processes, most of them far beyond the understanding of those of us who live and function on the basis of these processes.

We Baptists have for many years wanted to carry out the Lord's command to evangelize the world and to minister to the world in the name of Jesus. The apostle Paul has said that each church is the "body of Christ." Somehow, all of us together as Baptists are His body, too. He is our head and so long as he rules the body, we will do his work in his world.

This Baptist "body of Christ" has gotten big enough that it runs the risk of being unwieldy. In trying to carry out His mission, it would be easy to go in one or more favorite directions and miss carrying out the mission!

I believe that God has given us a tool in this program of missions which is the heart of the program, the working mechanism which pumps life to the whole body. The Cooperative Program is the heart of the missions program in Southern Baptist life. All of the special offerings and designated gifts are valuable and wonderfully helpful, but it is the Cooperative Program which gives stability and assurance of continuing support to our mission boards. For this reason, I have long been an ardent supporter of the Cooperative Program. Just as the human heart dependably cares for the needs of the human body, the Cooperative Program makes and keeps its promises of continuing support for our efforts at missions all over the world.

For 50 years this wonderfully simple method of voluntary giving on the part of every Southern Baptist Church has provided the support for the combined ministries of Southern Baptists. This program gives every church a sense of personal integrity and joy of involvement in Christian missions. It also sharpens our awareness that in this manner we can accomplish things as a group which we could never do alone.

Because of the vast reach, broad scope, and comprehensive concern of the Cooperative Program, I am convinced that it is the heart of our great Mission—to go everywhere at the same time with the beautiful message of God's love.

It's great to be able to give to a heart!



Missouri: Names South Executive Director

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period of discontent which generated severe criticism of convention fiscal policies and procedures. The convention, late last year, resolved the controversy in a harmonious annual meeting in Joplin at which convention structure underwent extensive reorganization.

South, a native of Criner, Okla., was reared in Portales, N. M. He is a cum laude graduate of Eastern New Mexico University and holds a master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark.

During World War II, he was a bombardier captain in the U. S. Air Force, collecting a Distinguished Flying Cross with two clusters, an Air Medal with four clusters and two battle stars. Currently, he is a chaplain, with the

rank of colonel, in the Arkansas National Guard and is past chief of the guard's chaplaincy section.

Before going into the ministry, South was a dry cleaning business in Lovington, N. M. He held pastorates in Milam County, Tex., and Grand Prairie, Tex., for four years before accepting the pastorate in North Little Rock.

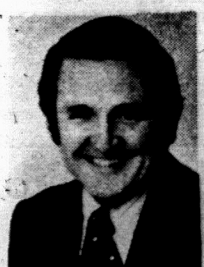
Denominational service has included the presidency of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, chairmanship of the state convention's executive committee, membership on the SBC's Executive Committee (which included chairmanship of the Executive Committee's program subcommittee), membership on the Committee of 15, which surveyed Southern Baptist agencies and programs, presidency of Southwestern Seminary's Alumni Association, and service on boards of trustees of several Baptist institutions.

Proposed WMU Bylaws Change

By Marjean Patterson

According to the Bylaws of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union, an article in the Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting provided that the proposed amendment has been published in two issues of the BAPTIST RECORD at least one month before the WMU Convention and has also been submitted in writing to the Executive Board at its last semi-annual meeting.

The Mississippi WMU Executive Board, in semi-annual meeting January 14-15, voted to change the tenure of office for officers and all Executive Board members from six years to five years. This change will affect Article V and Article VIII of the Bylaws of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union.



Lyle



Myers



Craig



Magee

MC Plans Religious Emphasis Week

Mississippi College will hold Religious Emphasis Week Feb. 10-14 with five speakers and a program dedicated to communicating the theme "Courage to Care." Guest lecturers will be Floyd A. Craig, Nashville; Kenneth Lyle, New York; Nell Magee, Nashville; Rev. Lewis Myers, Jr., Da Nang, Vietnam, and Dan Yearly, Houston, Texas. "Religious Emphasis Week was inaugurated several years ago at the college to help students to confront themselves and their own need of Christ, as well as to focus upon vital issues of life about which students should be concerned," said Dr. Bradley Pope, director of religious activities at the college. Talks during chapel period each morning and at 8:30 each night will be open to the public. The speakers will also participate in class talks during the day and dormitory discussions at night.

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compelled to attend Jackson schools.

"We have no bone to pick with the City of Jackson or its schools," King said. "We simply fear that any major change such as this in the children's activities would do violence to the program we have worked so hard to build and to the child's mental stability."

"School is a major part of a child's life; and while the Village is a poor substitute for a normal home, it is the best available to all of these children. We fear such a change as having to leave friends, identity, and security after their traumatic experiences of the past would be damaging."

There are 150 Village children in the Clinton schools. The trip to school and back to the Village takes only five or 10 minutes, it was pointed out. Should they have to change schools and be bused

over wide areas of the City of Jackson, schedules in therapy that have been worked out would be destroyed and the children would suffer, it is felt. Following school hours the children engage in a number of therapeutic programs including music, sports, work, and arts and crafts as well as having the opportunity of being under the guidance of professional and social case workers at the Village. The success of these programs depends to a great extent on scheduling, King said.

In addition to the objection as it concerns the children King mentioned two more factors involved in any decision to annex the Village property. First the city would be taking over a liability because the Village is a non-profit corporation and would not be liable for city taxes. Second, the Village is a self-contained unit and would require no services from the city.



NASHVILLE—SAND AS STRONG AS STEEL??? In his new book on Baptist polity "Rope of Sand With Strength of Steel," James L. Sullivan asserts that this is true. The book is available in Baptist Book Stores.

Southern Baptists

A Rope Of Sand, Strong As Steel

NASHVILLE — "The (Baptist) denomination is held together by fragile organizational ties, but the common experiences, beliefs and purposes that unite them are stronger than steel."

"Rope of Sand With Strength of Steel," is a new book on Baptist polity by James L. Sullivan, president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, in which he talks about the Baptist denomination and its problems and strengths.

Members of the local churches combine to become the rope of sand that possesses the strength of steel, not because of organizational rules, but because of the "basic operating principle of voluntariness. Southern Baptists find this freedom of choice more binding than coercion, and much more effective."

According to Sullivan, "the most important organizational unit of the denomination is the local church. If the work is not done there, it is not done anywhere. If

it is done well there, its successes become the denomination's strength."

An entire chapter of the book is devoted to a discussion of the church, including the origin, obligations, objectives, opposition, organization, ordinances, operation and outreach.

When speaking about the origin of the church, Sullivan said that it "is not important when the church began. The important fact is who began it. It was begun by Christ. It is stamped with His nature and spirit, and it exists for the purpose of honoring Him and carrying out His work."

One chapter is a study of the characteristics of the Baptist denomination and how Southern Baptists perform a worldwide ministry.

A section entitled "Decentralization" states that "responsibilities are assigned to provide a system of checks and balances in the denomination."

He said that this action avoids

centralization which "tends to produce a hierarchical structure with one man or one small group of men in control. Our denomination has clearly defined the work of agencies and institutions," Sullivan said, to help preserve the autonomy of the local church.

"National bodies cannot intrude on the internal affairs of local bodies except by invitation," he continued. "Each congregation owns its own church, calls its own pastors and makes its own decisions."

Sullivan has "with all candor tried to take an honest look at Southern Baptists and the place they hold in today's world."

One of the major reasons for the book is to find out "What makes Southern Baptists Tick? Future trends, directions and critical issues are all logical questions that follow."

In the last chapter Sullivan examines some of these trends, traditions and emphases that have been part of the Southern Baptist

denomination. Evangelism, lay involvement, teaching and training, Baptists' worldwide influence and how we must move forward all are discussed.

"Many of the tests Southern Baptists have weathered have disintegrated other religious groups," Sullivan said. "Trails have united Southern Baptists. We have intensified our efforts to do a better job."

"In the end, polity is asking the question, How does God want Southern Baptists to do the job that is ours? Then we are to relate ourselves in the way we feel his Book has revealed and his Spirit leads. With total abandonment we can then surge forward. This is the spirit that has brought us thus far. This is the spirit that will lead us on."

"Rope of Sand With Strength of Steel" is the Doctrinal Emphasis Week-book for 1975, published by Convention Press. It will be released Jan. 1, 1975, through Baptist Book Stores.

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dress the NRB in convention, he told delegates that they, through their programs, bring to young and old in this country "the ageless axioms of divine truth. All of us need the sure guidance of God in whatever we do," he said. "Although there are many faiths and denominations represented at this meeting, a common goal brings us here: Recognition of the need to keep strong the spiritual and moral ties that bind us together as a great nation."

"I will not join the skeptics who say Americans have lost faith, hope and love," he said. "But I know that each new generation must rediscover these redeeming qualities and translate them into its own way of daily living, or life style, as they now say. You, individually and collectively, are helping in this renewal and nurture of our deep religious roots."

Noting that the total listening audience of National Religious

Broadcasters members exceeds 40 million persons and that religious broadcasting in this country and abroad "is growing at the rate of 20 to 30 per cent per year," Mr. Ford said this "can be a tremendous force for good, for freedom and for peace."

Cited Quotation

He cited a quotation from George Washington's Presidential Farewell Address in which the first President asserted that "religion and morality are indispensable supports" to political prosperity which the "mere politician... ought to respect and cherish."

President Ford, who addressed last year's NRB Congressional breakfast as Vice President, said that it has been his "experience in the Congress" over the 25 years "that most of us mere politicians really do 'respect and cherish the principles of religion and morality.'"

He closed with a verse from the Book of Proverbs in which he said

he learned, when he was young, "which has stuck with me all my life," and on which he took his oath as President: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

Good Company

"This is what I have tried to do, and will try to do, as your President," he said. "I think it does no violence to the separation of church and state to commend these words to my countrymen. If it does, I am in pretty good company, starting with George Washington," he asserted.

Introducing the President, evangelist Zeoli called him his "very dear friend."

"I am grateful to God for this man, thankful for his friendship, grateful for his Christian testimony, and most of all, privileged to be allowed to be his friend," he said. Mr. Zeoli, who is president of Gospel Films, Inc., was

"devotional speaker" for the breakfast, and in his talk before the President spoke, he urged to religious broadcasters to "marry the media with the message of the Gospel."

Dr. Eugene R. Bertermann, president of the National Religious Broadcasters and also president of the Far East Broadcasting Company, Whittier, Calif., presented awards of merit to the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission of Fort Worth, Texas, which he said is the largest producer of religious programming in the world, for excellence in programming, and to John Brown University of Siloam Springs, Ark., for excellence in broadcast production.

National Religious Broadcasters is an association of religious broadcasting organizations comprising about three-fourths of the total religious radio and television programs aired in this country, according to a spokesman.

Foreign Missionaries Set Up Panama Mission

PANAMA (BP) — The Panama Baptist Mission has been organized here by Southern Baptist foreign missionaries, who will work in the Republic of Panama and the Canal Zone.

Six missionary couples and a single woman formed the new team of missionaries as the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, which now has work in 82 countries, inherits the work in Panama and the Canal Zone from the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

The Home Mission Board began a ministry to the Canal workers in 1905. Recent figures indicate that Panama now has 6,755 Baptists in 47 churches and 82 missions.

Six of the missionary couples transferred to Panama from other countries. Mr. and Mrs. Ervin E. Hastey arrived from Mexico in January, 1974, to cooperate with the Panama Baptist Convention in evangelism and the seminary program. Mr. and Mrs. Har-

old E. Hurst came from Honduras in response to the need for an administrator at the Marvel Iglesias Hospital on the San Blas Islands.

From the Bahamas, Mr. and Mrs. Robert V. Myers will be responsible for camp ministries, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Hensley will serve in business administration of the newborn mission.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert N. (Ted) Lindwall came from Guatemala. He will direct the seminary. Mr. and Mrs. Alex F. Garner came from Argentina to work in general field evangelism.

The single woman in the mission is Miss Naomi Page, a registered nurse who served for six years at the Marvel Iglesias Hospital with the Home Mission Board. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Durham and Miss Helen Stuart were named honorary members of the mission for their remaining time of service in Panama under the Home Mission Board.

Three additional couples for Pa-

nama are currently in foreign missionary orientation. Dr. and Mrs. Daniel D. J. Gruver, former home missionaries, and Dr. and Mrs. W. Tom Kent of San Mateo, Calif., will serve in the hospital following orientation. Mr. and Mrs. Philip R. Overton are missionary associates from Texas and will work in construction and maintenance at the hospital.

These missionaries will minis-

ter to four distinct cultural groups — West Indian, American, Spanish speaking, and Cuna Indians — and serve three vital institutions, the hospital, the seminary, and the Baptist camp.

Hastey was elected chairman of the mission; Garner, secretary; Hensley, treasurer; Mrs. Hensley, statistician; and Mrs. Lindwall, press representative.

"pro-life" amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Some estimates of the crowds ran as high as 50,000 persons from "nearly every state," including Hawaii, and the rally and subsequent "march for life" around the capitol was described as the largest "pro-life" gathering ever.

The demonstration marked the second year of the Jan. 22, 1973 Court decision, which largely overturned most state abortion laws, had been observed in a similar way, although the 1973 crowd estimates ranged from 5,000 to 20,000.

30,000 In Washington Protest Court's Abortion Decision

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—A massive right-to-life rally, involving more than 30,000 adherents of an effort to reverse the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court rulings on abortion, was staged on the steps of the Capitol here, spilling over into Congressional offices and pouring out a new wave of support for a

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With this money and twice as much faith, Ray began to answer the first calls coming to him to begin work throughout the Western states.

There wasn't any time to wait," remembers Leroy Smith, who drove 65,000 miles a year for Willis Ray, starting churches from Utah to South Dakota.

The first contact outside Arizona came from a man Ray had known in Texas. Harold Dillman, a Utah-an, was moving back to Roosevelt and wanted to begin a Southern Baptist mission there.

While Ray was still in Texas, Dillman had sought \$400 for support — and Ray, who'd been working with 165 churches in Texas — couldn't raise it. Now, Dillman needed \$2,000 to form his mission, meeting in a ladies club building, into a church.

Ray dove into the trust fund and the first Baptist church in Utah was begun. It affiliated with the Arizona Convention.

Pastor Fired

About the same time, Charles Shipp, a Southern Baptist pastor serving in a Northern Baptist church in Idaho Falls, Idaho, was fired because his sermons angered some of the deacons. One told him, "Sir, you don't preach like that in this church."

"They were warm, spiritual messages," Ray says.

The result was that about 30 people left the church with Shipp, who wrote the Home Mission Board for assistance. He was referred to Ray, who visited. "And that," says Ray, "was the beginning of Southern Baptist work in Idaho."

Oil field workers, moving into Wyoming from Oklahoma, started SBC work there. Again, they got in

touch with the Home Mission Board, which forwarded their request to Ray. In 1947, he visited the key family in their apartment and helped them find a pastor. Again, the work affiliated with Arizona.

Meanwhile, the same family — the Kings — moved to Billings, Mont., where they were again instrumental in organizing the first Baptist church in the state. The work continued, and the Arizona convention stretched into the Dakotas.

A chaplain in the military started a church in Rapid City, S. D., in 1949. Work in Western Nebraska also began about that time. Both states affiliated with Arizona.

First Request

New Mexico Baptists were already working in southern Colorado when Ray received his first request from the state. He passed it on to New Mexico.

But the second request, from the Colorado Springs-Denver area, resulted in another state tying with Arizona.

A few pastors in Colorado wanted to form an association of churches. Ray agreed to help, and the first association formed at a meeting in Denver.

By this time, work in nine states related back to the Arizona convention, which had almost tripled in size.

By the mid-1950s, the Arizona convention covered one-fourth the land area of the continental U.S. — from the Mexican border to Canada — and the Home Mission Board leaders, Ray, and others knew it had to be broken up. Caretaking was too expensive and time consuming. In 1974, it covers Arizona and southern Nevada and has 232 churches with 81,638 members, according to the 1974 SBC Annual.

The Colorado convention was

formed, drawing off four of the northern-most states; it began with more than 65 churches and 10,000-plus members — where none had been 13 years before.

And Ray was offered the job of executive secretary. He accepted and was Colorado's leader until his retirement in 1982. Today, the convention covers only Colorado, as other conventions have organized.

Growing Fast

During these same years, the California convention had been growing fast. By 1950, it had more than 250 churches and 34,000 members.

Northward, thanks to early work by such men as Leonard Sigle, a Northwest convention had been formed in 1948.

The need for expansion into the West and the vision of those who pushed for it are graphically evident in 1974 statistical tables of current state conventions in the SBC Annual.

The California convention, which includes northern Nevada, now has 916 churches and some 280,000 members; the Utah-Idaho convention, 67 congregations and 10,500 members; Colorado, 134 churches and 46,000 members; Kansas-Nebraska, 200 churches and 60,000 members; Northwest (covering Washington, Oregon, parts of Canada and northern Idaho), 240 churches and 46,500 members; and Northern Plains (covering Dakotas, Montana and Wyoming), 88 churches and 15,000 members.

Baptist work in Alaska and Hawaii began before either area had achieved statehood. The first Southern Baptist church in Alaska was First Baptist Church, Anchor-

age, organized in 1943. The Alaska Baptist Convention was organized in 1946 with messengers from 3 churches. In 1974, it has 37 congregations and almost 13,000 total membership.

Sparked Activity

SBC foreign missionaries sparked Hawaii Southern Baptist activity after the close of mission fields in the Orient in the 1930s and 1940s. The Hawaii Baptist Association, organized in 1943 with five churches, became a convention in 1945, and the Home Mission Board assumed direction of the effort there after statehood, which came in 1959, although the Foreign Mission Board has gradually phased out funds and missionary personnel — a process which will be complete in 1975. The convention now has some 32 churches and 10,000 members.

Work in Minnesota and Wisconsin, currently affiliated with the Texas convention, now has 40 churches and 5,800 members, and work in Iowa, sponsored by the Missouri convention, has 42 churches and 6,000 members. Such areas are maturing into strong points of Baptist outreach and may one day become conventions.

The "Pioneer Movement" shifted into phase two in 1950 when, in spite of old line states' objections, the SBC moved to "serve as a source of blessing to any community or any people in the United States."

Thus, the door opened again. This time wider. Where once the support was in the hundreds, now it would soar into the millions. And Southern Baptists' attentions, confronted with the nationwide challenge, began swinging eastward.



Mission Action Institutes

Mission Action Institutes were held in six churches across Mississippi during January sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Brotherhood Department and the state Woman's Missionary Union. State workers from the two departments provided leadership in addition to staff members from the Brotherhood Commission in Memphis and the SBC Woman's Missionary Union in Birmingham. In the upper photo Ben Connell of Memphis conducts a conference for leaders of Baptist Men, Baptist Women, and Baptist Young Women. In the lower photo Micky Martin of Birmingham leads a conference for leaders of Crusaders and GAs.



Wheeler

Jones

Davis

Keel

Sophia Sutton - - -

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The cabin at the assembly grounds has been completed and will be dedicated on Founder's Day, Dr. Richmond said. He indicated that completion of the recreation area is anticipated by late spring and be in use by summer. The Sophia Sutton Mission Assembly is owned by National Baptists.

Appreciation Prayer -

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all three, he said, the nation's leaders found strength in prayer. If the nation is to survive what Graham called its fourth major crisis, the present instability in the world, "it will be because we turn to God."

"There will be a way out," he said, when "we... become a spiritual superpower" in addition to being a military and diplomatic superpower.

Congressman Quie, who is active in a weekly prayer group at the U.S. House of Representatives, said that the key to healing the divisions in the country and the world is the power of love.

"It bothers me when I hear our nation called a Christian nation," he said, "for nations do not love, people do."

Quie identified the world's maj-

Work With National -

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preschoolers, equipping National Baptist leadership for Christian service, providing an assembly for conferences, sharing a ministry to Baptist students on eight college campuses, and providing opportunities through clinics and workshops where Southern and National Baptists have gained understanding and appreciation for each other's traditions and heritages.

National Baptists, 400,000 strong and Southern Baptists with 500,000 are discovering redemptive ways of working together under the Lordship of Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

"Join hands then brothers of the faith
Whate'er your race may be.
Who serves my Father as a son
Is surely kin to me."

or problems as including killing, hunger, economic instability, energy shortages, and cynicism and distrust of government.

"We are prone," he said, to look to a person or to a nation to lead us out of our troubles." He went on to warn that such confidence is misguided, even when placed in Christian leaders. "Our hope is not in Christians; it is in Christ."

'A Gun At Your Throat—

Leaves Little Time To Think'

By Robert O'Brien

BALTIMORE (BP)—Kenneth Mullins thought of his wife and four children and "just wondered where they would find my body."

A gun, pressed to his throat, forced him to look out of the passenger's side in the front seat of a car which picked its way through the dark streets of Baltimore's ghetto.

Just minutes before, the 52-year-old Baptist minister from Nashville, Tenn., had parked his rental car outside a Ramada Inn in Baltimore, about 9:45 p. m., Jan. 27. He had come from a meeting at Shelbourne Baptist Church, where he had traveled, on assignment from the Southern Baptist Convention Stewardship Commission, to help launch a fund raising campaign for the church.

Two young black men, in their early 20's, converged from both sides. One stuck a gun in his stomach and said, "Get back in the car or I'll kill you."

"My only thought at that moment," declares Mullins, assistant director of church capital funding for the Stewardship Commission, "was, 'Can I be as lucky as Mike Speer?'"

In late 1971, Speer, the Stewardship Commission's associate executive director, was shot in the head during a robbery by two men on the streets of Los Angeles. Miraculously, the bullet, which entered behind Speer's left ear, exited

through his mouth, with no permanent damage.

Now, a little more than three years later, Mullens, a Stewardship Commission staffer for about three-and-a-half years, was certain he was ready for the same fate.

In the car, the two Baltimore thugs took his wallet, containing \$100, and removed his glasses. They returned the wallet and credit cards.

"What kind of watch is that?" one demanded.

"It's a Timex," Mullins replied.

"Well keep the thing, then," the man snapped.

"I said to them, 'I regret that you fellows feel like this is the only way that you have to exist,'" recalls Mullins, a pastor in Texas and his native Oklahoma before joining the Stewardship Commission.

"You shut up," he was told. "We don't want any talking." "One of them did say, 'We don't have much of a chance. We've got to make our own chance this way,'" Mullins recalls.

Continually repeating profanities and threats to kill him, as one drove and the other sat in the back seat holding the gun in Mullins' throat, the two men angrily demanded more money and the title to the car.

Mullins, at first in vain, explained that he had no more money, because he charged most of his expenses, and that the car was a rental car.

Going through papers in his briefcase, the men discovered the car rental agreement and

his files on work with Southern Baptist churches in fund raising.

"What do you do?" he was asked. "I'm a Baptist minister, and I work with churches," Mullins responded.

At any moment, he felt, they would shoot him and dump his body, but a surprising thing happened.

"When I said I was a minister, the one in the back — thankfully the one with the gun — calmed down and even handed me back my coin purse."

The driver continued abusive threats but his companion said, "Man, just hush. This fellow isn't going to try to do anything. He told you he was a Baptist preacher."

For the first time Mullins began to have some hope. After about 30 minutes of driving — it seemed much longer to Mullins — the driver pulled the car over. They got out, instructing him to turn the car around and leave without looking back. He didn't stay to argue.

Back at the Ramada Inn, about 10 miles away, he reported the incident to Baltimore police and then decided to remain to finish his work with Shelbourne Baptist Church.

"I'm just glad all they got was \$100," he said, managing a laugh as he summed up his reactions.

How did he come to grips with the idea of death?

"At that particular time, with a gun at your throat, there's not much time to think, and it's certainly no time for heroics. There's not much you can do except leave it in the hands of the Lord."

Demonstration Renewal Evangelism Weekend

At Calvary, Greenville

Reid Hardin, Director of Renewal Evangelism, Home Mission Board, will be coordinator for the Renewal Evangelism Weekend at Calvary, Greenville, February 7-9. Dr. Emory Wallace, President of the Louisiana Baptist Convention and pastor of First Church, De Ridder, La., will be the resource leader. Jimmy Plummer of Tucker, Georgia will be youth coordinator and music leader.

This is a demonstration weekend to give leaders in Mississippi direction in Renewal Evangelism Weekends. The Renewal Evangelism Weekend is a celebration and commitment — new and renewed. It is designed to help the church give special recognition and affirmation of life as it has emerged out of the previous Lay Renewal Weekend in the church. It is designed to relate celebration and commitment to persons experiencing new life in Jesus Christ and Christians experiencing renewed life in Christ.

Sidney Ellis of Calvary and coordinator of Renewal Weekends across Mississippi is local coordinator and Rev. Howard Taylor is pastor.



Wallace

Hardin

Retreat For Young Ministers' Wives Held At Camp Garaywa

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Ky., shared Bible passages which are meaningful to her as a pastor's wife. She emphasized the theme for the weekend, "Observing Important Things" as she discussed the responsibilities of ministers' wives to their husbands, to

their children, to their churches, and to themselves as Christians.

Relating her life as a pastor's wife in Guadeloupe, Mrs. Wayne Frederick showed that her responsibilities are very similar to pastors' wives in the States. For she helps with children's pro-

grams at the church, she ministers to those who are sick, she visits in her community and witnesses to those who need Jesus, she takes care of her home and four daughters and helps her husband with the mission work —

and much, much more that pastors' wives do.

In addition to enjoying Mrs. Frederick, those at the retreat had opportunity to visit with and hear other missionary wives

relate experiences from their mission fields. Participating in the weekend were Mrs. Don Redmon, Costa Rica; Mrs. Lewis Myers, Vietnam; Mrs. John Jacobs, Guyana; and Mrs. Harry Raley, Taiwan.

Another highlight of the meeting was getting to know Martha Nelson, (Mrs. Carl) author of A WOMAN'S SEARCH FOR SERENITY and THE CHRISTIAN

WOMAN IN THE WORKING WORLD. Mrs. Nelson and her husband have recently returned to Mississippi after serving for several years in Colorado. He is pastor of First Church, Pelahatchie.

Sound like a lot going on? There was — and there will be again as we are already looking forward to the next Retreat for Young Ministers' Wives.



Sharing additional information about their fields of service are from left to right: Mrs. Don Redmon, Costa Rica; Mrs. Lewis Myers, Vietnam; Mrs. John Jacobs, Guyana; Mrs. Wayne Frederick, Guadeloupe, and Mrs. Harry Raley, Taiwan.



"I'm so glad to see you!" is heard over and over at the Retreat. Pictured greeting each other are Mrs. Bryant Hicks, Louisville, Kentucky (left) and Mrs. Lewis Myers, missionary to Vietnam.



Ann Rushing (Mrs. John P.) gave valuable information about food preparation and purchase. Mrs. Rushing, Extension Marketing Specialist, appears on "Market Basket" on Channel WJTV television.



Bringing Mommy to the Retreat is Miss Cindy Tullos. Cindy's mother at the left, Mrs. Duwayne Tullos is from Bogue Chitto Baptist Church, Bogue Chitto. Cindy is visiting with Mrs. Sandra Kirkland from Arlington Baptist Church in Bogue Chitto.

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EDITORIAL

Race Relations Sunday

Next Sunday, February 9, is Race Relations Sunday on the Southern Baptist calendar of emphasis. This simply means that it is a day when many Southern Baptist churches will give some emphasis to the matter of relationships between races. This involves not only the White-Black relationships, but that with other ethnic groups as well.

Great progress has come in this area in our nation in recent years, and also in our churches. This does not mean that all problems have been solved, for they have not, but the progress has been so tremendous that we can rejoice and thank God for what has been accomplished.

One of the finest examples is the Mississippi Baptist Convention which has had a department of work with National Baptists for 22 years. The ministry of this department is one of broad cooperation with National Baptists in numerous areas of witness. The Mississippi

Baptist Convention has worked with the sister conventions in the development of Mississippi Baptist Seminary, the Sophia Sutton Assembly, the student program on college campuses, and in other areas. This cooperation is done through the Department of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists, of which Rev. Dick Brogan is the director.

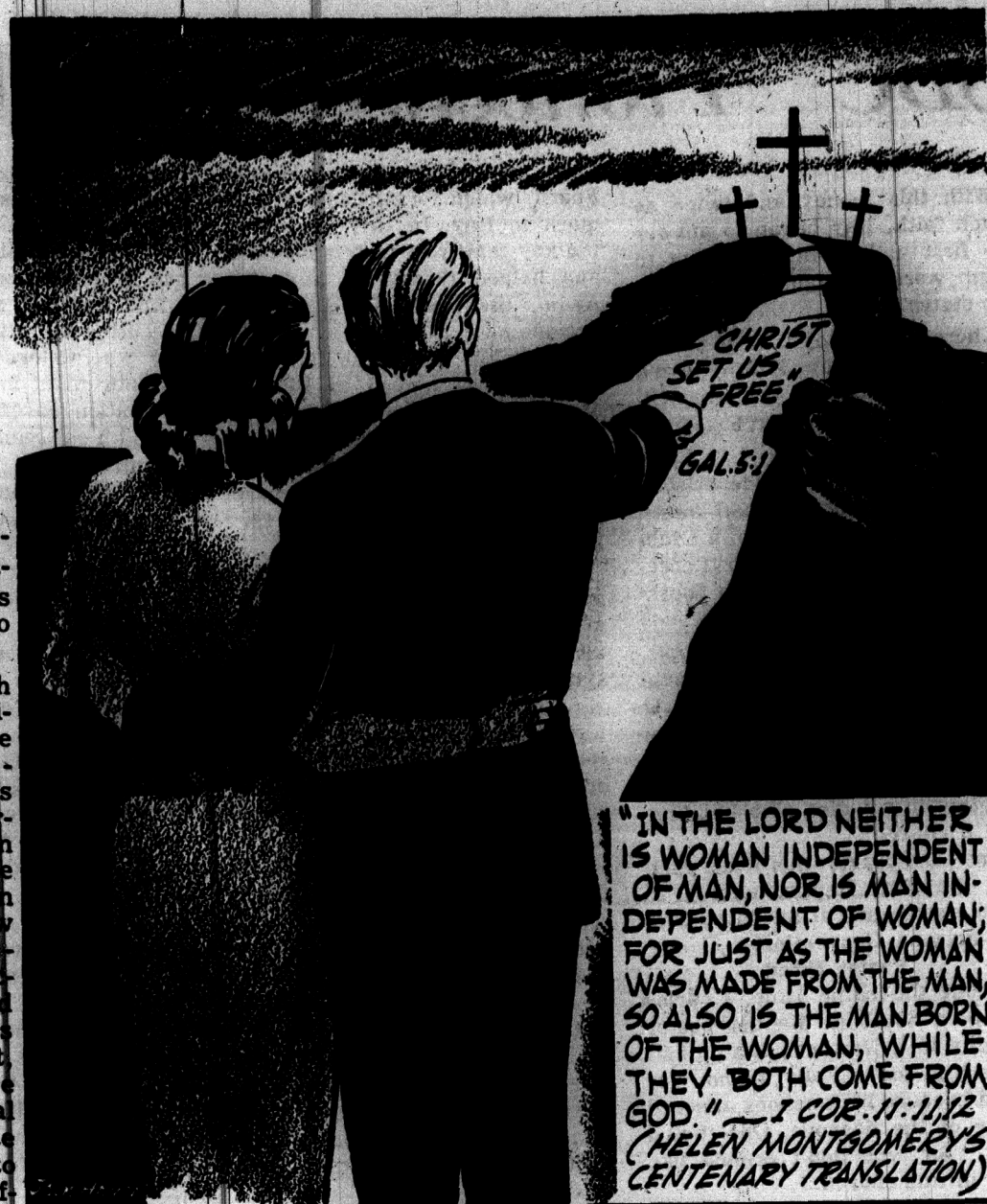
There also is cooperative ministry with the Indian, Chinese and Mexican Baptists, carried on through the Cooperative Missions Department, of which Dr. Foy Rogers is the director.

There are a number of churches which maintain direct ministries of cooperation with the National Baptists, and with the other ethnic groups. The old ideas of paternalism, in which the larger group offers help to the smaller ones, no longer prevails. It has been superseded by a program of cooperation, where the groups work together in the tasks God lays upon their hearts.

Efforts to enlarge this program,

and to bring broader understanding and closer cooperation is needed today. Many more churches need only to look around them to find opportunities for such work.

One of the largest values in such ministries is that it enables individuals in the various groups to have personal knowledge of and fellowship with one another. We have this in almost every other field, and certainly it is needed in our Christian ministries. When we know one another, and work side by side in Christian witness, there is a new understanding and new appreciation. This is one of the strong factors in Race Relations Sunday, and one of the reasons the emphasis is so important. Even more important, however, is that when there are thousands of lost people in all racial groups in the state, we must unite our Christian witness in seeking to win them to Christ. The day also offers a time when we can focus on the work in the area already being done by our convention and by our churches.



Genuine Liberation

Another Look At Modern Youth

If one judged modern youth by what he reads in the newspapers, hears on the radio, or sees on the screen, he quickly could become discouraged about what the next generation will be. Rebellious, sex-mad, drunken youth do not give promise of a very promising coming generation.

A more careful look, however, reveals that the groups making the headlines, are not the only youth in the world or nation today. The finest portion of today's young people do not make the headlines. They are busy getting an education, and already are participating in the serious activities of life. While we cannot forget the others, nor ignore them, we must not overlook the even larger group who will be the real leaders of the future. As Paul Harvey so often says, "They are not all bad!"

This is especially true in the spiritual field. Some would conclude that the churches of the future are

in trouble, because of the generation of youth now growing up. This simply is not true! As it was in Elijah's day, God still has the thousands who have "not bowed unto Baal." One can learn the truth of this simply by looking at the splendid youth groups found in almost every one of our churches. There never has been a more promising generation.

The impact of this was felt last Saturday when I went to Camp Garaywa at Clinton to take some pictures of the group from Mississippi State University and Louisiana State University which had gathered for a week-end BSU retreat. I arrived during the luncheon period when the hundreds of young people were in the dining hall. I remained until they began to assemble in smaller groups for seminars. Here were clean cut, bright faced young people, whose very appearance revealed Christian character and love for Christ. They showed an earnest-

ness and deep concern for their relationships to the Lord and the Lord's work. Some of our finest pastors and church leaders were there working with them. One of the campus student directors said to me that these are young people who are leaders on their campuses.

I came away with my heart singing, thanking God for just another assurance of how that He is raising up a generation of young people who will lead our churches and our denomination, and have a broad influence on society as a whole, in the days ahead. Sometimes I may become discouraged and dismayed by what I see or read, but I need to remember, that God is taking care of His work, and He is raising up leaders for the years ahead. They are in our churches, and on the campuses of the colleges, the universities and the seminaries. When I meet and know some of them, I can join with Paul in thanking God and taking courage at what is ahead.

NEWEST BOOKS

WHERE ON EARTH IS HEAVEN? by Arthur E. Travis (Broadman, \$4.95, 158 pp.) Here are Biblical answers to questions about heaven, time, and eternity, written in words a layman can understand. This book is one of today's most complete treatments on the captivating subject of heaven. Before retirement, Dr. Travis was a professor in the Department of Christianity at Houston Baptist University.

GARY PLAYER, WORLD GOLFER, with Floyd Thatcher (Word Books, 193 pp., \$6.95) Here are intimate glimpses into the action-packed life of Gary Player, world-famous golfer, from poverty-stricken goldminer's son to affluent rancher and businessman, from lonely tour rookie wearing borrowed clothes to acknowledged master of his profession.

SUCCESS, MOTIVATION, AND THE SCRIPTURES by Wm. H. Cook (Broadman, 170 pp., paper, \$3.95) This "milestone" takes an exciting look at the biblical principles of success, motivation, and goal-setting.

FACES ABOUT THE CROSS by Clovis G. Chappell (Baker, 217 pp., paper, \$2.95) Reprint of timeless sermons. A scrutiny of 16 faces from the crowd around the cross.

BIBLE STUDIES IN MATTHEW'S GOSPEL by J. Oswald Sanders (Zondervan, paper, \$2.95, 153 pp.) Step-by-step study in understanding the personhood of Christ in the light of Matthew's Jewish tradition; an enlightening look at both the earthly heritage of Christ and His reign as Savior and Lord.

FILL YOUR DAYS WITH LIFE by Mildred Vandenberg (Gospel Light, paper, 185 pp., \$1.95) This is the story of one person's humorous and practical insights into finding significance and meaning in the retirement years. She says that really living life all the way in the years requires "neither money or perfect health — just an excitement about the future, a desire to keep going and a faith in God."

PRESCRIPTION FOR LIFE by A. Dudley Demison, M.D. (Zondervan, paper, \$1.75, 150 pp.) A physician who knows the ills of the soul, this author points to the only effective antidote for the ills of mankind — the cross and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

A TRAVELLER'S GUIDE TO SPURGEON COUNTRY by Eric W. Hayden (Pilgrim Publications, paper, 37 pp.) Mr. Hayden, who is well acquainted with various places in England associated with

the life of Spurgeon, has prepared this guide book for travellers interested in Spurgeon history. It is profusely illustrated with photographs.

AFRICAN DIARY by Helmut Thielicke (Word Books, 213 pp., \$6.95) Enormous changes are taking place in Africa. Dr. Thielicke's new book combines fascinating travelogue with reflections on the human condition in that continent — and everywhere.

POVERTY'S CHILD AND OTHER POEMS by T. C. Pinson (Thomas C. Pinson, 20 pp.) An intriguing collection of poems by a native Mississippi preacher and teacher.

SCANDALOUS SAINT by John C. Hagee (Whitaker House, paper, \$1.25, 178 pp.) The true story of John and Josie Ellis, youthful missionaries to Mexico who were led from one hair-raising scrape to another, only to escape by the grace of God.

HOLD ON TILL MORNING by Ron Keller (Whitaker House, paper, \$1.25, 185 pp.) The story of one man's encounter with God, and how he was led to begin a ministry to troubled young people.

PLEASE MAKE ME CRY! by Cookie Rodriguez with Betty Schonauer (Whitaker House, paper, 222 pp., \$1.45) Here is the story of the first female dope addict to kick the habit, under the ministry of David Wilkerson in New York City. She was a girl so tough that nothing made her cry, but people at Teen Challenge told her of Someone who cared for her.

STRINGS AND THINGS by Phillip C. Posey (Convention Press, \$2.95, 96 pp., paper). This book contains "all you ever wanted to know about an instrumental program in the church" — an explanation of strings, woodwinds, brasses, percussions, handbells, and how to "things," as well as an annotated bibliography.

OUTLINE STUDIES OF THE TABERNACLE by Ada R. Habershon (Kregel, paper, \$1.50, 63 pp.) Clear, simply written outlines describing the Tabernacle constructed by the Israelites in the wilderness, and its meaning to us now.

PLEASE DON'T STAND UP IN MY CANOE! by Jean Shaw (Zondervan, \$1.25, 128 pp.) A bit of humor, a bit of sarcasm, and a whole lot of truth are behind these "disquieting dialogues for discerning development." They are imaginary conversations by and about church members, their attitudes and activities.

THE WIDER PLACE by Eugenia Price (Zondervan, paper, \$1.45, 205 pp.) New paperback edition of Miss Price's book, *The Wider Place*. This wider place, according to the author, is a place "where God offers freedom from anything that limits our growth."

ABOUT JESUS CHRIST (Channing L. Bete Co., Greenfield, Mass., paper, 15 pp.) A Scriptographic Booklet, this small volume briefly and clearly, by word and picture, tells the story of Jesus and the message of salvation.

RECIPE FOR LIVING by Mrs. R. G. LeTourneau (Zondervan, 122 pp., gift box) In this very attractive book, beautifully bound and illustrated with full page photographs, Mrs. LeTourneau shares some of her memories and some of her "recipes for living," along with some of the recipes she has used most in her cooking.

WHY I FIGHT FOR A CHRISTIAN AMERICA by Billy James Hargis (Thomas Nelson, paper, 179 pp., \$1.95) In this book Billy James Hargis lays bare his personal life. He shares his thoughts and concerns, and tells why he decided to leave the established ministry and to devote his life to a worldwide Christian, anti-Communist crusade.

ACTS: GOD WORKING WITH US by Chuck and Winnie Christensen (Harold Shaw, 95 pp., paper) 28 studies on the book of Acts, for neighborhood, student and-or church groups.

ON BEHALF OF CHILDREN by Linda Isham (Judson Press, paper, \$1.50, 48 pp.) This book gives guidance on what kinds of experiences with the Bible will be meaningful to children, how children may be expected to relate to others, what attitudes they may have toward the church, what their interests are, etc.

DIAGNOSING LEADER TRAINING NEEDS by Robert Holley (Convention, paper, 32 pp.) A training resource for all church leaders, this study will help you become familiar with the biblical doctrine of gifts. It will guide you in recognizing gifts of others that need to be developed and properly channeled. As you learn to recognize the training needs of others, this book will help you classify them according to types. It will guide you in planning a training program to meet the needs you have discovered.

REASONS FOR FAITH by Oliver R. Barclay (InterVarsity, paper, \$2.25, 142 pp.) This author illuminates the main

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Annuity Board Finds SBC Mandate Hard To Fulfill

Dear Dr. Odle:

Messengers attending the Southern Baptist Convention last June instructed the Annuity Board to write churches asking for financial assistance for needy retired ministers or their widows who had served them.

We were not aware at the time the SBC mandate was given how difficult an assignment this would be. Many of the churches we must reach no longer exist. Others have changed names, moved or merged, making it almost impossible to locate them.

Requests for relief grants have increased in recent months primarily because of inflation, which now is tragically in the double digit range. The Annuity Board through the special allocation in the Cooperative Program does provide some assistance. However, the funds are not sufficient to provide adequately for all applicants.

Through this open letter we hope to reach churches that fit in the categories mentioned, especially if they were not participating in the Annuity Board's Protection Program before 1950. The majority of the persons who need financial help served before 1950. Churches may send their gifts directly to the Annuity Board and designate them for specific ministers or widows if they wish.

We appreciate any help you can give us in reaching these important churches as we try to fulfill our obligation to the SBC — and even more important, as we attempt to help in some way many retired ministers and widows who are trapped in today's economy with inadequate incomes.

Sincerely,
Darold H. Morgan
Annuity Board, SBC

On The MORAL SCENE...

WHY AUTO DEATHS PLUMMETED IN '74 — "This year just past has proved beyond doubt that the most effective way to curb slaughter on U. S. streets and highways is to reduce speed. With a nationwide speed limit of 55 miles an hour in effect for most of the year, 20 per cent fewer people died in traffic accidents during 1974, compared with 1973. More than 11,000 lives were spared as the number of deaths dropped from 55,400 to 44,500. . . . A more detailed look at the factors that led to big savings in life is provided by an in-depth study by the (National Safety) Council. Its conclusions, based on the first four months of 1974:


Lower driving speeds accounted for 11 per cent, nearly half of the 24 per cent total, of reduction in fatalities. . . .

Less traffic on the highways . . . was responsible for another 5 per cent drop.

The fact that fewer people were riding in the average car accounted for an additional 3 per cent drop. This is largely due to a reduction in family travel by auto in the first half of '74.

Less nighttime driving was credited with a 2 per cent decline in highway deaths. Other causes, such as a tendency for people to travel on safer highways, were responsible for a final 3 per cent drop in fatalities, the Council study concluded. The cut in speed, in other words, is given as the biggest single reason for the drop in highway deaths." — U. S. News & World-Report, January 6, 1975

reasons why faith in God is a reasonable response to the evidence of the external universe, the fact of Christ and the experience of God in the lives of men.



Light for Living

Chester E. Swor

Now, Of Bees And People

Francis Bacon, distinguished English writer of long ago, gave this pungent advice: "Men must not turn bees and kill themselves in stinging others." He was referring, as we know, to the fact that when the bee stings, it automatically loses its life.

Although the individual who "stings" others with criticism does not die physically, it is true that some bit of something dies within him at every sting. There is a little less of love, a little less of tenderness, a little less of forgiveness, a little less of patience, a little less of sympathy, a little less of self-respect, a little less of respect for others, or, to say it in summary fashion, a little less of Christ-likeness with every instance of bitter criticism of others. In the stinging we have shut two doors: the doors to our hearts and the doors to theirs, because we have given evidence of not wanting to enter their hearts and of not intending to invite them to enter ours. We have in the stinging become poorer in friendship.

We may appropriately add to Francis Bacon's sage advice the counsel of the famous prayer of the Sioux Indians, which, as we recall, prays for the grace not to criticize another without having walked in that other person's moccasins for two weeks. We recognize the great probability that, after those two weeks of understanding, compassion and not criticism would be the feeling of one's heart.

Although Francis Bacon did not go forward to say it, he could well have reminded that, among people if not among bees, "he who keeps stinging will inevitably be stung." Then when it is too late, perhaps, the stung individual realizes how much it hurts to be stung!

HAPPIER THOUGHT: The great purpose of a bee's life is the production of honey, a joyous delicacy which has been mankind's favorite from ages past. What a shame that it should let its anger defeat its great purpose and take its life. God has a noble purpose for every individual's life, and we, too, may well be wary of frustrating that purpose and losing the joy of full fellowship with God and man through the unworthy practice of stinging others!

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Glenda and Ted Yarbrough, Alabamians, are in their first term of service as missionaries to Guatemala. They met at Clarke College, and he graduated from William Carey. Their children are Susan, John, and Timothy.



A man smokes bees from a hive in Agua Mecate, Guatemala. Missionary, Ted Yarbrough began work in photography as a hobby; specializing in scenes of everyday life such as this. The excellence of his work earned him an invitation from city officials to present a one-man showing. (Photo by Yarbrough.)



WOMAN AT THE WELL - When drought came to Agua Mecate, Guatemala, Christians there dug a well and gave water to others in the village, in the name of Jesus. Julian, age 17, at right, was originator of this idea. (Photo by Ted Yarbrough)

Ted Yarbrough, Carey Graduate

First Year In Guatemala

By Anne Washburn McWilliams
Third In A Series

Ten - thirty p.m. Red, flames leap and twinkle in the mountain-chilled Guatemalan night. As we sit down in the living room of the missionaries' home in Jalapa, the only sounds are those of dogs' barking, and children calling to each other in their play.

There are eight of us: Ted and Glenda Yarbrough, missionaries in their first term of service; Jane and Wendall Parker, missionaries to the K'ekchi's near Coban; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Yarbrough, visitors from Birmingham, and Ted's parents; my friend Margaret Fry of Jackson; and myself.

On the wall I see a carved wooden map of Guatemala; across the face of the map are the names of the Yarbroughs - Ted, Glenda, Susan, John, Timothy.

"Did you know that Glenda and I met at Clarke Matrimonial College?" Ted grins, and adds, "Though we were both born in Alabama, I graduated from William Carey and was a pastor in Mississippi. We came to Guatemala in December, 1973, and moved to Jalapa in February, 1974."

At noon that day Jane and Wendall had met me at Talisman on the Mexican border. (I have known Jane since I was a sophomore at Judson College. Her husband is president of the Guatemalan Baptist Mission.) From noon until nine, in the 350 - mile drive to Jalapa, I had seen 13,000 - foot peaks and deep ravines, lowlands and plateaus, mountain streams and the Pacific Ocean, sugar refineries and cane fields, trees tapped for chicle, ceiba trees, coffee trees, coconut palms, orchids, and a whole chain of volcanoes, some boiling over with smoke. (We had met a funeral procession walking along the highway, men carrying the casket on their shoulders.) Yet driving along the coastal highway we were missing Lake Atitlan, Antigua, and Chichicastenango. Jane kept saying, "I wish you could see the REAL Guatemala!"

In this country once the Mayans ruled, until the Spanish conquerors came. In this ancient land now exist three civilizations: Indian Guatemala, with its own culture, costumes, and customs; colonial Guatemala, in parts of the country where the Spanish hand was strongest; and the Republic of Guatemala, modern and progressive.

In the East, not far from the El Salvador border, we joyfully spotted the lights of Jalapa. This city, because of its isolated location in a fertile valley 4500 feet above sea level, still retains much of colonial culture and architecture.

The people are Spanish-speaking ladinos (some of European descent, some of mixed ancestry, and some Indians who no longer follow the Indian way of life.) "This section of the country reminds me of the Old West in the United States," Jane said, "probably because of the horses and cattle and cowboy hats. It still has the rural type of living, too and old-fashioned ways similar to our Old West. The somewhat backward way of doing things in Jalapa has caused others to think of it as 'in the sticks.'"

At the Yarbroughs' house a typical American supper was waiting for us - everything from ham to lemon pie. ("Sugar is 8c a pound.") Now Ted was asking, "Would you like to hear about our work here?"

"Maybe tomorrow would be better," I quickly answered. Jane interrupted, "There won't be time tomorrow. After church we leave for Guatemala City." I leaned back to listen and temporarily forgot my weariness.

"It has not taken us long to learn to love the people here," Ted began. "Being a bachelor, our pastor at First Baptist Church, Roberto Martinez, has had time to help us get settled."

"We are both continuing our study of Spanish," Glenda added. "Ted does evangelistic work, including a radio ministry. I teach young people in Sunday School and have started a literacy class. The children are being taught by a journeyman, Janice Roumillat."

"First Baptist Church of Jalapa has four missions," Ted explained. "They are Agua Mecate, San Luis Jilotepeque, San Rafael Los Flores, and Monjas."

"Agua Mecate is far back in the mountains. The village has no electricity, no market, no running water, no roads - when I go there I travel on horseback. There is no church other than the Baptist mission."

"This was a dry year. In fact, it was so dry that the day came when there was no water left in Agua Mecate except a few stagnant puddles. A young boy, Julian, 17, had been teaching 30 children in Sunday School; 30 or 40 others were worshipping in home services. It was Julian's idea to dig a well, and for the Christians to give the water to others, in the name of Jesus. To dig this well



Wendall and Jane Parker are missionaries stationed at Coban, Guatemala. He is president of the Guatemalan Baptist Mission.

would cost \$85, plus \$20 to buy a lot to dig it in. Soon the money came for this project, from an Atlanta dentist and others. Thus the well was dug, the only one in Agua Mecate, and the Christians gave fresh water to others, as a witness for Christ.

"Later the rains came and filled the streams again. The people at this mission began building their own church, with adobe brick they had made themselves."

Ted continued, "The San Luis Jilotepeque Mission has a pastor now. This year began with disappointments and problems for them. Revivals were planned and speakers cancelled. Pastors promised to come, but broke their promises. When my pastor and I took them a new full-time pastor from Jutiapa, the people thought we were telling them a lie. This man would not really stay to be their pastor! When we finally convinced them, they sat down and looked at each other, shaking their heads and saying 'Glory be to God! Poor him! Glory be to God! Poor him!'"

"For months we had been wanting to start a mission at San Rafael las Flores. This town of 7,000 is only 30 miles from our house. In June, Jimmy Wall, an Alabama dentist, came to offer his services free. It was rainy season and the roads were terrible. Since we could not go the nearest route we drove 66 miles around to the other side of the mountain, and then 30 miles up the mountain. We drove around landslides, and through two creeks, until we reached a river with no bridge. I didn't know whether to try to drive across or not, so waited to see if anyone else did. When a big log truck plunged in, we followed; the water came in the doors of the carry all, but we made it safely across.

"In the town we announced on the loudspeaker, 'free dentist,' but everybody thought it a trick. Finally a little eight-year-old girl volunteered to be the first patient. Others followed her. That night she was the first to make a profession of faith. In two days Dr. Wall pulled hundreds of teeth, and up to 150 came to the night preaching services. On the final night ten made professions of faith. As a result, a new Baptist work was begun in San Rafael las Flores.

"The people at Monjas Mission are meeting in a home."

"Besides these missions," he said, "we have a preaching point at Horcones, halfway up the volcano. When we held a service in Juanita Martinez' patio, 100 showed up. Senora Martinez is a widow with 65 people in her family - she's boss of the whole clan!" As Ted talked, I could imagine the preaching team from Jalapa - missionary, pastor, laymen, climbing the steep mountain-side with their lanterns. I could imagine the eager faces crowding around the patio, the attentive ears listening to the Good News. "Wherever we preach, at least 100 will come. It may be dusty or it may be muddy, but they come to listen and to sing. Every time the invitation is given, there is some kind of response."

A log crumbled in the fireplace, and the hands of the clock neared midnight. We stood to go, reluctant to leave this house. From the street we had seen only a wall and a couple of doors, but inside we had found a courtyard filled with poinsettia trees, and rooms ranged about the courtyard which was open to the sky. Wooden shutters on the windows were reminiscent of old Spain! In the driveway we saw a new Chevrolet van, "bought by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering."

Next morning we walked from the Casa de Viajeros (House of Travellers) hotel to the First Baptist Church. All the members welcomed us with warm embraces before we sat down - women on one side, men on the other. Ted had told us that the people have a very strict code of behaviour. For instance, they do not go to movies, or even to the fair. Since Emmanuel Mission, with

beliefs similar to Assembly of God churches, is very strong in Jalapa, Ted thinks that perhaps this behavior code is due partly to their influence, as well as to the old colonial customs.

At Sunday School Glenda led the children in choruses and a Sword Drill. Pastor Martinez taught the Adult Sunday School class. For the devotional service, Jane played the pump organ, accompanied by two men on guitars. Wendell preached on the theme, "Laborers Together With God."

After a tour of the pastor's apartment and garden adjoining the church, and many farewell hugs from the church members, we were off on the three-hour drive to Guatemala City. The capital held for us a visit to the Baptist Book Store; a meal in the home of a Guatemalan couple; breakfast at the Guatemala Biltmore with the tallest man in Guatemala (Missionary Herbert Billings) and his wife Judy; lunch with Dr. and Mrs. Clark Scanlon (he is FMB field representative for Middle America); a brief chance to spend some quetzals; and an hour at the international airport.

In the home of Missionaries Bill and Libby Stennett on Monday morning I awoke to a faint quiver - bottles slid across a chest - an earthquake! But nothing more came. I looked at the clock. Six-thirty a.m.

(Note: On January 9, Mr. Yarbrough wrote: "We have been asked to go to Guatemala City to teach in the Baptist Theological Institute. Of course, we will continue to visit the East here and do all that we can for the people and churches of the area. Our new address is Apartado 1135, Guatemala City, Guatemala.")



Ted Yarbrough does much of his missionary traveling in Guatemala on horseback.



Glenda Yarbrough teaches young people in the Sunday School at First Baptist Church, Jalapa, Guatemala, above.

On Fire For Missions

Lottie Moon Emphasis Puts Flame To Pastor

GREEN ROCK, III. (BP) -The pastor of First Baptist Church here has "caught on fire" for his work - literally.

Harold Covington, the pastor, reports it like this:

"One Sunday last December, I had just stepped down from the pulpit to extend the invitation. Without noticing, I backed up against the communion table, where some candles were burning.

"The candles were part of our emphasis for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions. For every \$10 given toward our goal of \$150, we lit one candle.

"I began to smell smoke and wondered what in the world could be burning. I slowly put my hand to my back, and it was my coat that was on fire. I had gotten too close to the Lottie Moon candles!"

The Southern Baptist pastor said the fire burned a large hole in his coat and ruined his trousers.

Recently at a statewide Baptist Vacation Bible School clinic in Springfield, Covington was wearing a new suit, paid for by the church's insurance policy.

And yes, Green Rock went over its goal for the mission offering, giving a total of \$183.

Colson To Join Seminary Extension Dept.

NASHVILLE (BP) -Howard Colson, editorial secretary for the Sunday School Board, will join the denomination's Seminary Extension Department here as assistant to the director, May 1.

Colson, who has directed the board's overall editorial function since 1969, will retire at the end of April after 26 years of service.

With the Seminary Extension Department, operated by the six Southern Baptist seminaries, Colson, will assist its director, Raymond M. Rigdon, in planning, developing, editing, revising, and evaluating courses offered correspondence and through extension centers throughout the United States.



New Spire For New Orleans

IN-SPIRE-ATION FOR NEW ORLEANS - The pinnacle of a new spire for the Roland Q. Leavell Chapel at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is towed along I-65 from Campbellsville, Ky., enroute to its new home. The 95-foot steeple is a

modified design of the spire of First Baptist Church in Providence, R. I., the oldest Baptist church in the United States, and cost \$88,400. The money was donated by friends of the seminary. (BP) Photo by James Lee Young.

Wiley Named To Home Board Post

ATLANTA (BP) — The Home Mission Board has named H. Wesley Wiley as northeast area director of the program of cooperative ministries with National (black) Baptists.

Emmanuel McCall, director of the department of cooperative ministries with National Baptists, said Wiley would work in New York, Pennsylvania, and the District of Columbia.

Before assuming the new post, Wiley had been director, for more than six years, of cooperative ministries with National Baptists for the District of Columbia Baptist Convention.



Mr. and Mrs. Sid Reber

Agricultural Missions Group To Hear Reber

The fifth annual meeting of agricultural Missions Foundation, Ltd. will be held at First Church, Indianapolis, on February 13. AMF President Dick Stafford announced that the afternoon session will begin at 3 p.m. followed by an evening meal at 6 p.m. prepared by the church. A general session will then be held in the church sanctuary beginning at 7 p.m. The public is invited.

Highlighting this year's program will be a special presentation by Mr. and Mrs. Sidney C. Reber. Mr. Reber is Director of the Management Services Division of the Foreign Mission Board, SBC.

A special film on African famine will be shown. The film was produced by Agricultural Missions this year and is designed for television showing, as well as church and civic groups.

Considerable interest has been shown in this non-profit, agriculturally oriented foundation because the assistance it is able to give goes directly to the areas of greatest need. Several missionaries who are on furlough have been invited and are expected to attend. Pastors and laymen from throughout Mississippi, especially the Delta area are not only invited, but encouraged to attend.

AMF is headquartered in Yazoo City, and its secretary-treasurer, Gene Triggs, reports that, "this year's program promises to be the best ever."

Revival Results

Leakesville F O A Rally at Leakesville High School; evangelist Jerry Mixon; music by First Church, Leakesville youth choir; nine professions of faith; 64 rededications.

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Focus Week In Progress At Blue Mountain

"Focus" week at Blue Mountain College February 3-7 was highlighted by the appearance of Tom Lester ("Eb" on "Green Acres.") Lester spoke to BMC students Monday morning at 10:00 a. m. during the initial session of the week-long program.

Co-ordinating the activities for Blue Mountain is Rev. Robert Sugg, Director of Religious Life on campus. The program is sponsored by the MBC Baptist Student Union and the National Student Ministries, SBC.

In addition to Lester's talk on February 3, others slated to speak during the week include Gloria Poe of Rolling Hills, California; Dr. R. C. McGlamery who is on the staff at the VA Hospital in Memphis; Mary Libby Payne, assistant attorney general for the state of Mississippi; Shirley McHundro, a former BMC student and journeyman missionary to Kenya, of Memphis, and Rev. Charles Baker, minister of evangelism-missions for First Church, Jackson.

The public is invited.

Carey Receives \$2,000 From Sears

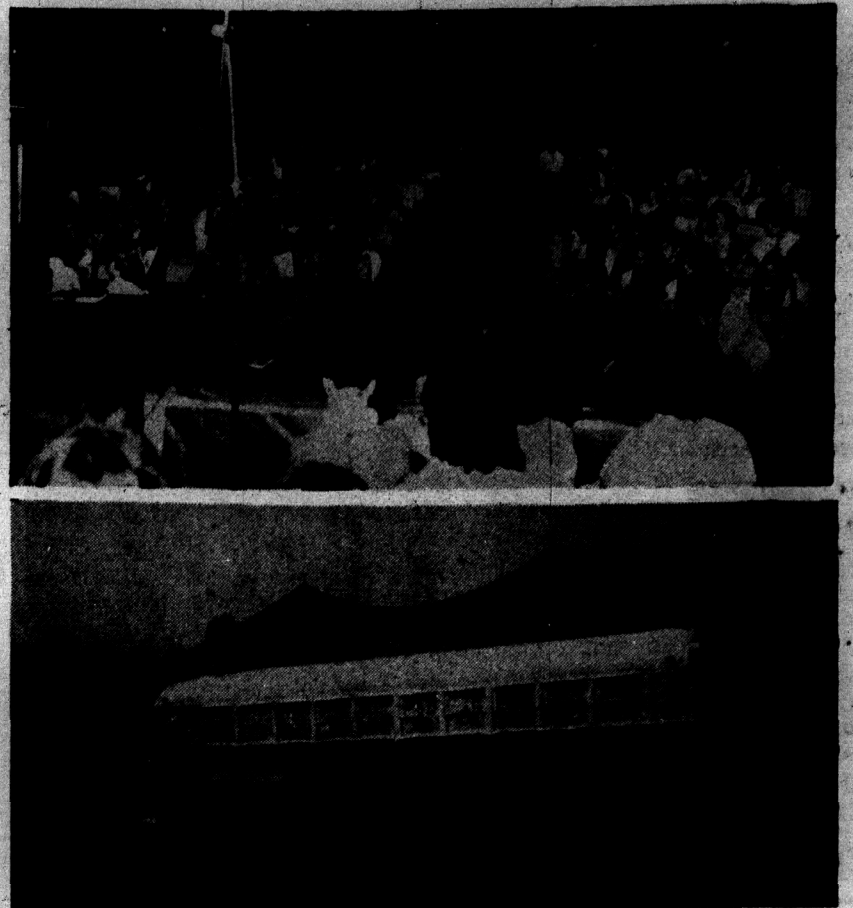
William Carey College has received a grant totaling \$2,000 from the Sears - Roebuck Foundation, a spokesman for the school announced.

Carey College is among almost 1,000 private accredited two and four year institutions across the country which are sharing in \$1,300,000 in Sears Foundation funds for the 1974-75 academic year. Funds may be used unrestrictedly as the colleges and universities deem necessary.

Revival Dates

First Church, New Augusta: February 14, 15, 16; youth crusade; services will begin at 7 p.m. Byron E. (Buddy) Mathis, Jr., 20-year-old evangelist, of Mississippi College and Pascagoula, preaching; and playing the trumpet; Rev. Luther C. Newell, pastor.

Crowder (Quitman County): Feb. 7-9; Buddy Mathis Crusade; Buddy Mathis, evangelist from Mississippi College and Pascagoula, preaching; services at 7:30 p. m. Feb. 7 and 8; 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. on Feb. 9; Rev. T. D. Starborough, pastor.



Tent crusades were held at Cranberry Mission, Pittsburgh, Pa. in 1971 and 1972. The mission, now a church, uses five buses.

In Pennsylvania

Mission Membership Triples Following Tent Crusades

Cranberry Baptist Mission in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania tripled in membership within a year's time. It is now organized into a church and has a bus ministry using five buses. Rev. Ted Lot, pastor, says that much of this phenomenal growth is due to the thrust given by tent crusades held there in 1971 and 1972 by Rev. Joe Royalty, Mississippi Evangelist. Before the first of those crusades, the mission had only 25 members.

In addition, Mr. Royalty held two summer crusades at Butler, Pa., where Cranberry had sponsored a Vacation Bible School. Last year the Home Mission Board bought seven acres for the Butler Mission, and a pastor is soon to be called.

Since going into full-time evangelism in 1971, Mr. Royalty devotes a part of each year to SBC pioneer mission work. Another type of mission effort he has made is with E. J. Daniels Crusade teams in India.

One year he went to Thozukal where devil worship was strong. A 72-year-old Indian layman had gone into the area and established three struggling missions. One mission in a home was being forced to move and the two other missions needed roof repairs. From the showing of slides on India, Mr. Royalty was able to raise money to buy a plot of ground for one mission and to erect a small building. From these contacts, the Royalties are sponsoring the education in the U. S. of a 20-year-old Indian girl.



Rev. Joe Royalty, evangelist from Jackson, Ms., preaches at crusade in Pennsylvania.

Sophy Russell, daughter of an Indian pastor and a mission volunteer to her own people, Sophy is expected to arrive in February and to enter school with the possibility of a medical career.

Rev. Joe Royalty may be contacted for area crusades with the big Christ for the World tent or for church meetings, at his Jackson phone 622-1208 or Hattiesburg 583-6587.

Odom To Speak At Three Bus Evangelism Rallies

The first of a series of bus evangelism rallies will be held February 10 at 7:30 p.m. at Ridgeland Church, Ridgeland, Rev. W. E. Martin, pastor. Others will follow on February 11, Woodlawn Church, Vicksburg, Rev. Paul Brooks, pastor; and February 13, First Church, West Point, Rev. Joel Haire, pastor.

The purposes of these area-wide bus rallies are: to build fellowship and unity among bus workers; to share ideas that have worked; to be a source of encouragement and inspiration.

The speaker for each of these rallies will be Jerry Odom, pictured, former pastor of Ridgeland Church. In the 24 months Bro. Odom was at Ridgeland the Sunday School grew from an average attendance of 165 to 500 and attendance records were set seven times. Mr. Odom is now pastor of First Church, Galena Park, Tx. This year the church reported an increase in Sunday School average attendance for the first time in 19 years, an increase from 372 to 561. The church now owns and operates seven buses, including a London Double Decker.

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The Church Of The New Testament: A Serving People

By William J. Falls
2 Corinthians 3:1-16; Ephesians 4:11-16;
Titus 2:14; James 2:14-17
1 Peter 2:9

The church of the New Testament could be called a "serving people" because its Lord had given them that example in his life. When Peter declared the gospel to Cornelius, he told of Jesus "who went about doing good" (Acts 10:23). All four Gospels describe how he fed the hungry, healed the sick, befriended children, and opened blind eyes. As Jesus called me to be his followers, he intended for them to match the gospel story with reconciling action. For him, preaching and teaching were never enough. He expected his church to believe and worship, but it must also serve. Within its own fellowship there would be ample opportunity to serve because there is always someone who is hungry or hurt. Serving is one way to help God search for men.

The Lesson Explained
Christians Are A Chosen People
1 Peter 2:9
This verse has some familiar phrases in it; read Exodus 19:6

and Deuteronomy 14:2. The former passage was in our lesson for September 15. These phrases described the Hebrews in God's choice of them for a special purpose. But Peter was not writing to Jews only; he had all believers in mind, both Jews and Gentiles (v. 10). Always in Scripture the Gentiles are seen as people who lived in darkness; God has called them through Christ "into his marvelous light."

What a transformation Christ's love had worked in the mind of the apostle! It would have been easy for him to say that Jewish Christians were "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a dedicated nation, and a people claimed by God for his own" (NEB). For him to describe both Jewish and Gentile Christians in this way showed how deeply his life had been changed. It was like being born again. Peter was convinced that God's purpose in calling the believers was to proclaim God's wonderful deeds; they were chosen to declare and to do.

Chosen To Be Generous
2 Corinthians 8:1-7

A major concern of Paul's second letter to the church at Corinth was the collection for the poor in Palestine. He had already mentioned it (1 Corinthians 16:1), but here are two chapters on the sub-

ject. In the first verse, "we do you to wit" means "we want you to know." They already knew the purpose of the collection: to help take care of the pilgrims who came to Jerusalem as well as the local poor. Now Paul uses the example of the churches in Macedonia to stir up Corinthian generosity. They had known persecution, but even in "extreme poverty" they contributed generously. They gave "beyond their means," and they urged Paul to receive the gift so the could have a part in helping others.

Their giving was a result of God's grace; because they had first given themselves to the Lord, he had led them to give of their resources to help others. Therefore, Paul urged Titus (who had been working with the Corinthian church) to continue his teaching so that God's grace could work in the Corinthians also. A church so rich in faith, speech, knowledge, and zeal ought to abound in another gift of grace — generosity. **Chosen For Good Works**
James 2:14-17

Nowhere in the New Testament is all of Christian truth neatly organized and outlined. One book emphasizes one constellation of ideas, and a second book deals

with another pattern of truth. In Romans Paul stressed faith as the one requirement for salvation; doing things to obey the law would not win it. But James said that faith without deeds is dead. Paul was talking about doing good things to get saved; James was talking about doing good things because we are saved. He felt that a person's "religious" life must shape his secular life.

James was writing to people who professed faith but did not see that it had anything to do with the way they acted. They were like a person who only expressed pious wishes when confronted by a cold and hungry brother or sister. It would be like our saying: "Good luck! Keep a stiff upper lip. I'm sure everything will turn out all

right." But if we do not give clothing or food, why say cheerful nothings? That is like a profession of faith that does not show itself in "good works" — friendship, care, food, rent money, job opportunity, a warm jacket. With such ordinary things we can prove our faith even to skeptics.

1st, Dallas Plaque Honors Memory Of W. C. Morgan

First Church, Dallas, has a large space for plaques given in honor of or in memory of some person dear to the donor of a certain amount of money to their building fund.

Mrs. J. A. Davis, Jr., the former Joy Durham Morgan, has given such a gift in memory of her late father, W. C. Morgan, who was for many years director of Mississippi Baptist Church Music Department. The plaque reads as follows: "Remembering the music ministry of W. C. Morgan to the Baptists of his beloved Mississippi. Given by his daughter, Mrs. Jewell A. Davis, Jr."

Riverport Calls

Rev. Troy Pearson

Riverport Church, Greenville, has called Rev. Troy Pearson as pastor. A native of the Greenville area, the 22-year-old preacher is a product of William Carey College. He and his wife, Kathy, have already moved to their new field of service.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Expressing A Devoted Life

By Bill Duncan

Matt. 27:55-56; Luke 8:1-3;
John 20:1, 11-18

There are a lot of women named Mary in the Bible, but only one named Mary Magdalene. The authors identified her thus because she was of the village west of the Sea of Galilee called Magdala.



Earl Perry describes Mary as a girl who had many emotional

problems. "Those problems grew worse as she reached adolescence. Her fits of violent, uncontrollable anger caused her family to tremble in fear of these outbursts. She cried for no apparent reason. She became moody, despondent one day and exalted in spirits the next. She became suspicious. She lived in a dream world. She was afraid to be alone, yet wanted to sit in silence for hours without a word of response to those nearest her. People said she was possessed by demons. Some said that at least seven devils held her in their power."

We do not know how Mary of Magdala met Jesus. One day, somewhere, an encounter took place that changed her entire life. Mary's troubled soul was healed. A new power came into her life. Luke simply described Mary as the one "from whom seven demons had gone out." From that experience, her admiration for Jesus began to grow. She became a faithful disciple.

How do you measure one's devotion to Jesus Christ? No one can truly say how each of us should express our devotion. But John said in 1 John 3:18 that love must be more than words, "let us love in deeds — actions." Devotion is expressed in more than words. It is expressed in what you are and what you do.

ON THE ROAD

When the synagogues were no longer open to Jesus, he began to

travel but his teaching was more on the hillside or at the lakeshore. On these trips were the twelve apostles and also the other persons. Included in this particular journey were some women who accompanied him in Galilee. Out of the women's means they provided food for the band. It was always considered a pious act to support a rabbi and the actions toward Jesus were very ordinary.

Mary might have persuaded her parents to share food and other needs for Jesus and his apostles. The scripture says though, "she gave of her own resources."

Women would never be allowed to preach, but they could give their gifts. Their help was a practical means of service. Many of the greatest servants of the Lord are unseen but so essential to His cause.

William Barclay tells of an old shoemaker who once wished to become a minister, but the way was never open to him. He was a friend of a young divinity student. When the lad was called to his first church, the old man asked him for one favor. He asked to be allowed always to make the lad's shoes, as long as life remained for him, so he might feel the lad was wearing his shoes in the pulpit into which he could never come himself.

How many of us would ever make it one week in the ministry if it were not for the privacy of the home behind us. How many of us pastors would make it for one Sunday if it were not for the women who work in our church offices. There is no gift that cannot be used in the service of Christ.

AT THE TOMB

Mary was deeply hurt by what was done to Jesus Christ. She loved him. He had done something for her that no one else could ever do, and Mary could never forget.

It was the tradition in Palestine to visit the tomb of a loved one for three days after the body had been laid there. The people could not visit the tomb of Jesus on the sabbath, so Mary went early on the first day. The early visit indicated her devotion to Jesus. It was still grey dark but she could not wait any longer.

When she got to the tomb she was shocked to see the door of the tomb open. At once two things probably entered her mind. (1) She may have thought that the Jews had taken away Jesus' body to inflict hurt on his cause. (2) Mary may have thought the tomb had been broken into by common criminals and the body desecrated.

Mary returned to the city to get some of the men to investigate. Peter returned with John to see for themselves. They discovered the tomb empty and the grave clothes lying as if the body had simply evaporated out of them. John recorded the evidence of the clothes to show his belief in the resurrection. The disciples returned to the city to tell what they had seen.

Mary then remained in the garden alone. There she stood weeping. A person appeared who she thought was the gardener. Her conversation and action expressed deep love and devotion. When He spoke — "Mary" — she recognized the Risen Christ. Jesus in the simple language of the Bible expressed assurance and guidance to Mary. But the idea given to

Mary was, "Do not go on touching me — clutching me selfishly to yourself. In a short time I must go away. Go and tell my disciples what you have seen."

Whatever happened, Jesus sent Mary to share what she had experienced. "I have seen the Lord." This was the joyous and inexplicable news that Jesus was alive.

Mary was the one out of whom seven demons had been cast. She was healed by the Master. In response to his healing she gave herself in loving dedication to Christ and his cause. This led her through pain, suffering and the darkness of calvary. This dedication led her on the way to new joy, peace and life at the fullest. It was Mary who first saw the Risen Christ and, along with other women, gave the first report of the resurrection. She had an honored place among those who first called him master, because of her love and dedication to Jesus.

Wayne Sponsors Clinic For Soul Winners

A soul winning clinic for churches of Wayne County was held at Calvary, Waynesboro, on January 20 and 21.

Rev. Robert J. Sanderson, pastor of Calvary, and county chairman of evangelism, presided.

Jimmy Little and the "New Life Ensemble" of First Church, Mrs. Willie Gail Trigg and David McArthur of Calvary presented special music.

Featured speakers included: Rev. Ron Aaronson, pastor, Riverside; Rev. Wilson W. Boggan, Wayne County superintendent of missions; Rev. Brooks Barkley, pastor, Waynesboro, First; Rev. Billy Ray Blackwell, pastor, Clear Creek; Rev. James L. Rayner, pastor, Chapparral; Rev. Franklin McClelland, pastor, Big Creek and Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., pastor, Main Street, Hattiesburg. The clinic was well attended, including a number of visitors from Clarke Association.

Center Hill Church Calls New Pastor

Rev. Herbert L. Redd has accepted the call to be pastor of Center Hill Church, Hamilton. For the past nine years he has served as social and welfare counselor of the American National Red Cross. In his job as field director he served two tours in Vietnam and Thailand. He is currently stationed at Columbus Air Force Base.

Mr. Redd and wife Manie (Booth) Redd are graduates of New Orleans Seminary. He received his B. A. from Mississippi College and Mrs. Redd earned her Bachelor's degree in elementary education from Blue Mountain College. They were appointed by the Home Mission Board in 1961 and served four years in missionary work with the Navajo Indians at Gallup, New Mexico. The Redds have three sons, Herbert Jr., sergeant, in the Army in Fort Detrick, Maryland, Danny, a sophomore at Arkansas State University; and Larry, a senior in high school.

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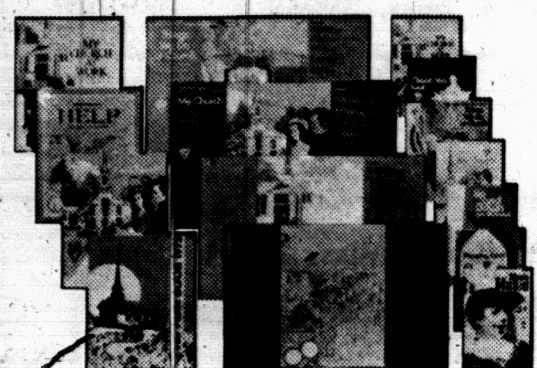
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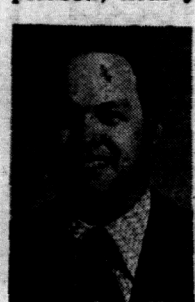
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Devotional

How To Please God

By Fred Trexler, Jr., Pastor, First, Richton

How can we please God best? God gives us the answer as He speaks following the baptism of Jesus: "And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matt. 3:17). Again, after the transfiguration: "While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him" (17:5).



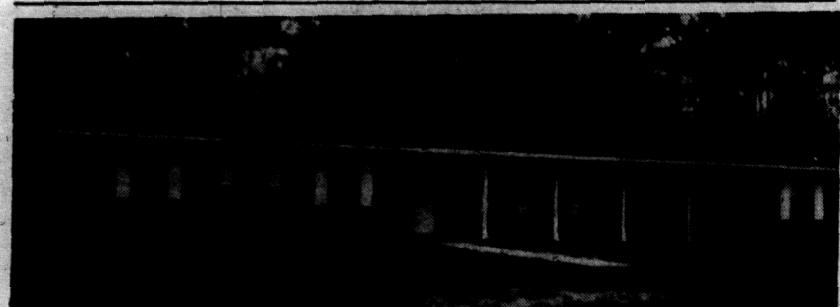
God was pleased with his Son. Therefore, the way we can please God best is by seeking to be more like Jesus Christ.

We need to know more about Jesus. "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever. Amen" (2 Peter 3:18). We must read the Gospels to learn about Jesus. What did he say about this? What did he do about that? We must study his life carefully in order to be like him.

Then, we must spend enough time with him in prayer. The only way you can really get to know a person well is by spending a good deal of time with that individual. This is what the apostles did. They walked and talked with Jesus. Jesus is alive today. He wants to be your friend and companion as well as your Saviour. He wants you to spend time with him. Prayer should be an experience of not only talking to him but also listening too.

It is important to follow his example because he always did the right thing. How would Jesus react to your particular need? What kind of action would He take in your situation? "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ, also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps" (1 Peter 2:21).

Jesus said: "For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me" (John 6:38). Jesus was committed to following the Father's will. We need to submit our will to God's will. What we want should be secondary to what God wants. Follow Jesus and you will please God.



Society Hill (Jeff Davis) recently burned the note for their four-bedroom brick parsonage (top). The note was paid in full in eleven months. The church furnished the living room and guest room. Left to right (bottom), Building Committee: Larue Magee, contractor; Otis Stephens; Rev. Tom McCurley, pastor; Gaston Pierce; and Kenna Williamson. (Not pictured, Walter Rogers, chairman). The church, with a goal of \$1246, gave \$1301 to the Lottie Moon Offering, the largest such offering in their history.

Names In The News

Rev. Solie I. Smith has announced his retirement and has presented his resignation to Superior Avenue Church, Bogalusa, La., effective March 8. Born in Pearl River County, Mississippi, and formerly pastor in Mississippi, he has been pastor at Superior Avenue for sixteen years. He is remodeling the home where he grew up and moving back there — Route 1, Carriere, MS. (Pacayune telephone exchange). Thirty-four of his 43 years in the ministry have been spent at three churches. After retirement he plans to "rest, farm, fish, hunt, travel, preach as a pulpit supply and do interim work as opportunity presents."

Greg Moore is now serving First Church, Tchula as minister of music. Mr. Moore, a native of Grenada, is a student at Holmes Junior College. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Moore of Grenada. Rev. Clayton Bath is pastor.

Kate Durham Morgan (Mrs. W. D. Morgan) is author of an article "Time Is the Stuff of Life," published in *Healthways*, in the Dec. '74-Jan. '75 issue. Mrs. Morgan is a member of Woodland Hills Church, Jackson.

The William Carey College School of Music presented Julie Elizabeth Hubbard in her senior voice recital on January 23 at 8 p.m. Miss Hubbard is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hubbard of Tucker, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Harper Jr., missionaries to Colombia, are the parents of a daughter, Beth Ellen, born Jan. 8. They may be addressed at Apartado Aereo, 51687, Bogota DE, Colombia. Before they were appointed in 1968, he was pastor of Bethel Church, Liberty, Miss.



Rev. Mose Dangerfield and family, pictured, were honored by First Church, Biloxi, January 19 on his fourth anniversary with them. A reception was held to express appreciation to the minister of education. Rev. Frank Gunn is pastor.

Philip Jones was ordained as a deacon by Cato Church (Rankin) of Mendenhall, on January 19. Mr. Jones, also Church Training Director, is married to the former Virginia Ritter of Belden. Rev. Ricky Gray is the Cato pastor.

Pass Road Church, Gulfport recently added two employees. Paul A. Sullivan (pictured) is now serving as part-time minister of music and education. He is from Sullivan's Hollow (Miss).

and has served the church as a layman for about 10 years. (The church will continue to seek a full-time staff member.) During the past 16 mts. this church has experienced tremendous growth while Rev. A. M. Moore, III has served as pastor. The second employee added was a full time custodian.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry G. Simon, missionaries to Taiwan, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: c/o Box 27-24, Taichung 400, Taiwan, Republic of China). Mrs. Simon is the former Carol Martin of Meridian, Miss.

William Carey College will honor a 1957 alumna at Homecoming, Saturday, February 8, with the "Outstanding Alumnus of the Year Award."

Mrs. Bonita Spence Bridges, a home economics major who has distinguished herself from the local to the national level among extension home economists, was selected for the honor by a special alumni committee of the William Carey College Alumni Executive Council.



Now extension home economist in Jefferson Davis County, Mrs. Bridges was awarded the 1964 Superior Service Award of the United States Department of Agriculture at a special ceremony in Washington, D.C.

In addition to her bachelor degree from William Carey College, Mrs. Bridges earned the master degree in home economics education from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1966. She is a native of Foxworth in Marion County and now resides with her husband, W. T. Bridges, of the State Department of Education, and two small sons in Prentiss.

First Church, Yazoo City, recently licensed Calvin Kelly to the gospel ministry. Son of Mr. and Mrs.



A. B. Kelly of Yazoo City, Calvin is presently enrolled at Mississippi State Univ. where he is on the Executive Council of the BSU and serves as vice president of the College of Arts and Science. For two summers he was summer youth director at Capitol Heights Church, Montgomery, Alabama.

Dr. Phillips R. McCarty, Clinton, has been chosen to serve as interim pastor at Colonial Heights Church, Jackson. Dr. McCarty is a native of Crosby, Mississippi. Currently he is chairman of the department of religious education and associate professor of Bible and religious education at Mississippi College. He began duties at Colonial Heights Jan. 19.

1st, Benndale Holds Church's First Deacon Ordination



Demyrie Dixon, right, was ordained as a deacon of First Church, Benndale, on January 19. "This was the first deacon ordination service ever held at Benndale," states Rev. George Harper, left, pastor. Benndale now has a new piano, and a new organ has been promised as a gift. Mr. Dixon's daughter is pianist for the young people's department which meets in the church's old building.

First, Benndale had 15 members when Mr. Harper went there as pastor a little over two years ago. Now there are 100 members, and about 40 of those are young people.



Kenneth Goff, right, was recently ordained to the ministry by First Church, Benndale. Graduate of Perkinson Junior College he is now song director at Benndale. He is pictured with the pastor, Rev. George Harper, in front of the new church building which was dedicated about three months ago. The new sanctuary which seats about 300, has wall to wall carpeting. Shady Grove church gave them oak pews, and a man from Yazoo City gave bathroom facilities which have just been installed.

Feb. 16, Baptist Seminary, College, And School Day



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Joanie Gentry

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